



# NEWS FROM **JACK SCOTT**

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## **21<sup>ST</sup> SENATE DISTRICT**



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### **GOVERNOR DAVIS RESTORES \$32 MILLION IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUDGET FOR INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

***SB 735 also adds \$14.9 million to restore Capital Outlay projects –includes \$340,000 for Glendale Community College Allied Health and Aviation Lab building***

Senator Jack Scott (D-Pasadena) announced today that Governor Davis signed SB 735 to restore \$32 million in funding to the California Community Colleges. Senator Scott carried SB 735 on the Senate Floor, which sought to restore the full \$98 million vetoed from the state budget for the community colleges. The Governor also approved \$14.9 million in SB 735 for planning funds for 34 community college building projects.

"I am very pleased that Governor Davis restored part of these budget cuts to the community colleges. As a former president two community colleges -- Pasadena City College and Cypress College -- I know first-hand that these baseline budget cuts to building maintenance, computers, and instructional equipment are devastating to the educational mission of the community colleges," said Senator Scott.

"The Governor also restored \$14.9 million in much-needed capital outlay planning funds, of which \$340,000 will go to Glendale Community College for its Allied Health and Aviation Lab building. These capital outlay funds will help our colleges meet the tidal wave of new students entering higher education in the coming years," Scott continued.

"Community colleges have repeatedly been asked to do more with less money. They receive thousands of dollars less per student than the other segments, but they consistently work to meet the critical education needs of more than 1.5 million California students seeking to transfer, seek job training, or upgrade their job skills. I am happy that some of these budget cuts have been restored," concluded Scott.

SB 735 restores \$17 million for the Scheduled Maintenance programs and \$15 million of Instructional Equipment and Library Materials Replacement programs. These programs allow colleges to cover expenses such as fixing leaky roofs, upgrading ventilation and sprinkler systems, and purchasing computers and lab equipment.

SB 735 also restores \$14.9 million in preliminary planning funds for 34 high priority community college capital outlay projects that were also vetoed from the state budget. These projects will be funded from bond proceeds.